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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON JOINT PETITION OF MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC., BROOKS FIBER COMMUNICATIONS OF NEW YORK, INC., AND VERIZON NEW YORK INC. FOR PREEMPTION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(e)(5)

OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

WC DOCKET NO. 03-81

Comments: April 8, 2003 Reply Comments: April 15, 2003

On March 20, 2003, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. f/k/a MFS Intelenet of New York (MFS), Brooks Fiber Communications of New York, Inc. (Brooks Fiber), and Verizon New York Inc. (Verizon) filed a joint petition, pursuant to section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act) and section 51.803 of the Commission's rules.¹ In the petition, MFS, Brooks Fiber, and Verizon request that the Commission preempt the jurisdiction of the New York Public Service Commission to interpret and enforce interconnection agreements between Verizon and each of MFS and Brooks Fiber regarding the effect of the Commission's *ISP Remand Order*² on provisions requiring payment of reciprocal compensation and provisions allowing for amendment of interconnection agreements upon a change of law. MFS, Brooks Fiber, and Verizon request expedited treatment of their joint preemption petition.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex*

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(5); 47 C.F.R. § 51.803.

² Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 96-98, Order on Remand and Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001) (ISP Remand Order) (subsequent history omitted).

parte presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

FILING PROCEDURES

Interested parties may file comments on the Petition on or before **April 8, 2003** and reply comments on or before **April 15, 2003**. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original plus four (4) copies addressed to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554. A courtesy copy should be addressed to Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A225, Washington, DC 20554. A courtesy copy should also be addressed to Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail **qualexint@aol.com**.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get formyour e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

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For further information regarding this proceeding contact Kathleen O'Neill, koneill@fcc.gov, (202) 418-7266, or Margaret Dailey, mdailey@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2396, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.